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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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                    **Kakefuda, et al.** )  
) Art Unit: **1652**  
Serial No.     **09/893,033** )  
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Filed:           **June 27, 2001** )  
) Examiner: **Tekchand Saidha**  
For:           **Cyanobacterial Nucleic Acid Fragments** )  
                    **Encoding Proteins Useful for Controlling** )  
                    **Traits Via Nuclear or Plastome** )  
                    **Transformation** )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**


Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2004, a response which is due December 20, 2004, with a one month extension of time. A petition for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is being submitted herewith, along with a check in the amount of \$120 to cover the fee for a one month extension of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 17, 2004.

  
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